## **HOUSE BILL 3488**

## By Sontany

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 44, Chapter 17, relative to animals.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

- SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 44-17-103, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:
  - (a) It is unlawful for any dealer to sell or offer to sell or transport or offer for transportation to any research facility any dog or cat, or to buy, sell, offer to buy or sell, transport or offer for transportation in commerce any dog or cat, unless the dealer has a currently valid license from the commissioner and has complied with the rules and regulations promulgated by the commissioner pursuant to this part.
  - (b) A violation of this section is a Class B misdemeanor.SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.